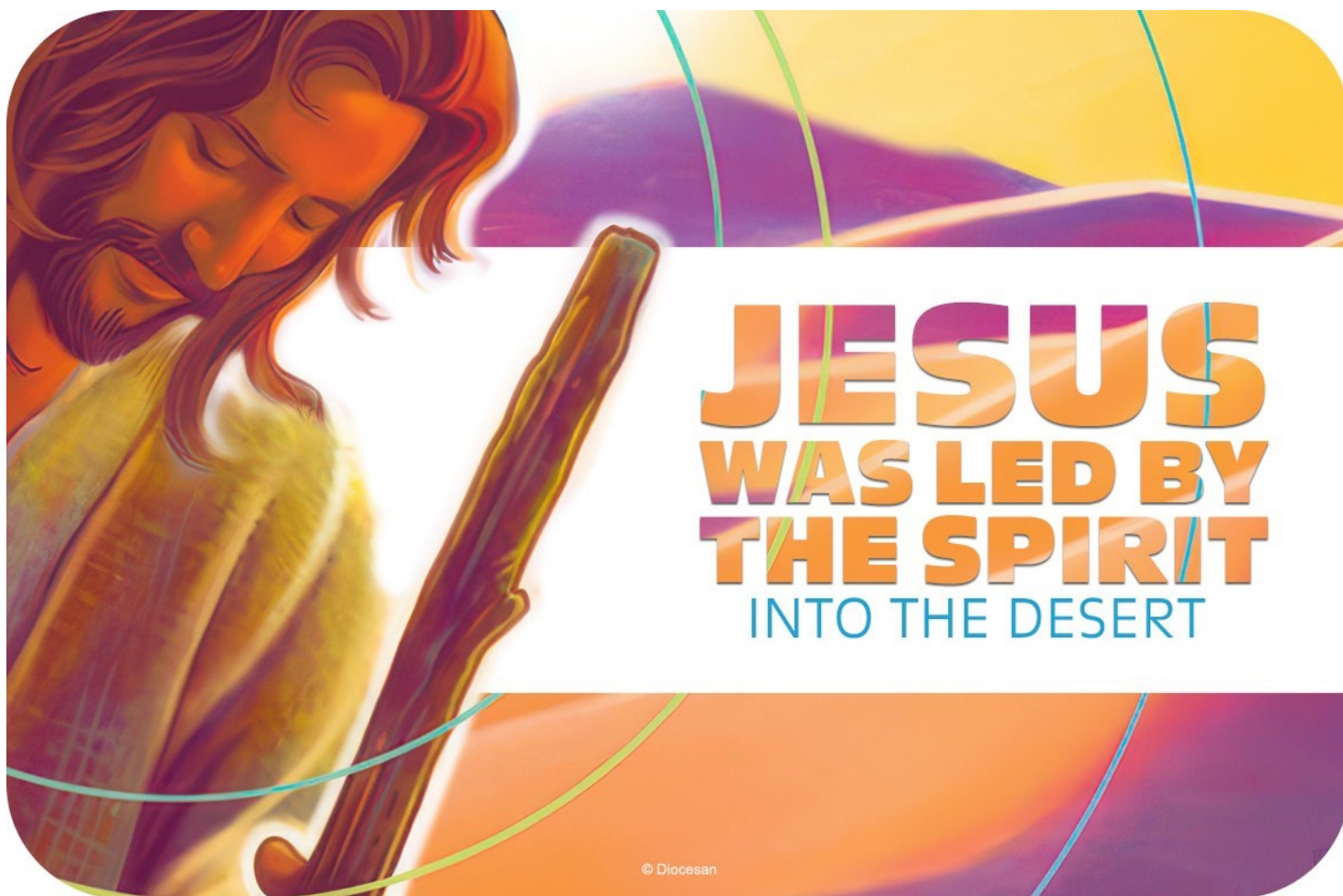


The First Sunday of Lent | March 9, 2025



St. Columba Parish



Saint Edward

240 Tod Lane
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Saint Columba

144 West Wood St.
Youngstown, OH 44503
330.744.5233
parish101@youngstowndiocese.org

Saints Peter & Paul

421 Covington Street
Youngstown, OH 44510

Saint Columba Parish

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cathedral Parish of Saint Columba is twofold: to participate in the saving mission of Jesus Christ by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of people in Central Youngstown, and to serve as the spiritual center of the Diocese of Youngstown by fostering the mission of the Bishop.

Saint Columba Parish Directory

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar

Bishop Of The Diocese Of Youngstown

Very Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin Rector

Reverend Edward Brienz Vice Rector

Reverend Francis Muriithi Parochial Vicar

Monsignor Peter Polando In Residence

Deacon William Bancroft Deacon

Deacon Sylvester Frazzini Deacon

Ralph Holtzhauser Director of Music

Sister Martha Reed Pastoral Minister

Sister Regina Rogers Pastoral Minister

Karen Thomas Secretary

Members Of Parish Council

Laura Elder, Steve Grzywna, Louise Korhan, Joseph Markulin, Linda Puryear, David Sweeney, Julie Tarantino, Jennifer Vinkler, Bill Wainio, Mary Lynne West, Guy Young and Barb Zorn

Members of Finance Council

Our New Finance Council will be announced at a later date.

Please watch the bulletin for updates.



Scan to make a one time donation to the parish. Recurring will be available soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

Scan me!

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:

MARCH 12, 2025

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

328 FOREST AVE.

YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44506

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 9

9:00 am **St. Edward** † **Paul Hartwig**

10:30 am St. Columba † Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **James Jaszyn Wedding Ann.**

June M. Perlic & Vladimir Sovec

2:00 pm St. Columba Rite of Election

4:00 pm St. Columba † Catherine Naples

Monday, March 10

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Jessie Lemieux**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Fr. John Turk

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Sonia Niro**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Millcreek Metroparks Employees

Living & Deceased

5:30 pm **St. Edward** † **Parishioners of St. Columba Parish**

Wednesday, March 12

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Dr. John Cernica**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Celebration of 150th Jubilee of the sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

6:00 pm St. Columba Gorzkie Zale & Benediction

Thursday, March 13

8:30 am **St. Edward** † **Fran Doyle**

12:10 pm St. Columba † Parishioners of St. Columba Parish

5:45 pm **Sts. Peter & Paul** †

Friday, March 14

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Elizabeth Beshara**

11:30 am St. Columba Stations of the Cross

12:10 pm St. Columba † George & Mary Ann Slanina

Saturday, March 15

8:30am **St. Edward** † **Helen Keagy**

4:00pm Vigil St. Columba † Neil Sr., Marie & Kenneth DePascal

4:00pm Vigil **St. Edward** † **Thomas Jackamo**

Sunday, March 16

9:00am **St. Edward** † **Byrne Family**

10:30 am St. Columba † Leo Tirado

11:00 am **Sts. Peter & Paul** † **Carla Medovich, Nancy Vogrin & Health & Blessings Stephen Wegtndt**

4:00 pm St. Columba † Living & Deceased Members of St. Columba

Pastor's Column

Sunday, March 9, 2025

As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Please make this a time of prayer, penance and good works. Our Ecumenical cooperation with neighboring Churches will again be a time for prayer together and a commitment to Ecumenism. Our Ambassadors for Christ will meet each Wednesday of Lent. Please see the calendar for this prayer service and the many opportunities for prayer. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings especially. Please know that the staff and I will be praying for you and your families each day!

In your sacrifice this Lent, please support the parish, the Annual Appeal and our help to the poor. As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Annual Appeal both on the parish level and a personal level. I make the Annual Appeal one of my biggest charitable gifts each year because I know how it helps the mission of Catholic Charities and the ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown. Please be as generous as you can be.

Please note that our mailing address will be 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

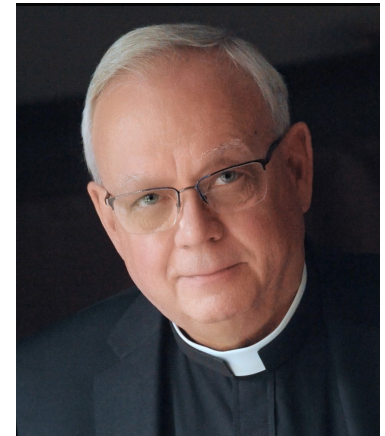
The parish office phone number will be 330-744-5233. The former office phone numbers will forward your calls to this number. If you have not received your new envelopes, please call the parish office. Please take time to read our bulletin and access our new website. If you are contributing by check, please make your check payable to St. Columba Cathedral Parish. Also, we will be updating the ways that you can contribute electronically.

The staff is putting strong emphasis on ministry to reach out in the Lord's name to the homebound, hospitalized and unchurched. Please help us with your prayers and help us to know of anyone you know who would like a visit or call from the staff. Also, if you are interested in joining the volunteers who visit and bring Holy Communion, please contact Sr. Regina.

With my daily prayers for you and your families, I remain.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin



Reflection

The First Sunday of Lent Putting God to the Test

I always thought today's Gospel shows how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into money? God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring that peace. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

Saint Columba Parish

<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Greeters & Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Server</i>
St. Edward				
4:00 pm March 15	Don Turnbull Molly McGuire	Jim Weller/ Host Deacon Syl/ CP Betzy Peacock/ CB	JoAnne Thomas Ed Palumbo	Jim Carsone
9:00 am March 16	John Barry David Sweeney	Andrea Padach/ Host Deacon Bill/ CP Sara Cox/ CB	Pat Metzinger Bob Cashier Jim Kopanic George Mazza Aaron Slifka Dave Slifka	Dan Rowland
St. Columba				
4:00 pm March 15	Melissa Larsen Jessica Gause	Paul Gause/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Kathy Gause/ Cup	Rich Conway	Sr. Martha Reed
10:30 am March 16	Ginger Kubala Barbara Walko	Guy Young/Host Deacon Bill/Cup Lisa Young/ Cup	Randy Grohovsky Michael Kurilla Jack Reichert Graigh Snovak	Quinton Miller Karsten Miller
4:00 pm March 16	Joell Stebelton John Cisine	David Oaks/Host Deacon Syl/Cup JoAnn Oaks/Cup	Deborah Congonello Carole McDonough Jim Morris	Sr. Martha Reed Tim Domer
Sts. Peter & Paul				
11:00 am March 16	Michelle Tyson	Ed Habuda/Host Deacon Syl/Cup Linda Habuda/Cup	Nancy Gunyula Ray Kovac Pat Purton Bill Sikora John Vogrin	John Vogrin

Vocation View/ Presentation of the Lord- March 9, 2025

“You shall worship the Lord, your God and Him alone shall you serve.”

(Luke 4:8)

This Lenten season, reflect on your life’s direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

A Women’s Retreat offered by the **Cursillo Movement of The Diocese of Youngstown** is scheduled for this upcoming Lent on March 20-23. During this retreat to be held at our nearby Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, talks and discussions provide an opportunity for you to share your insights about the talk and hear how others received that same presentation.

Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

By the end of the weekend, most candidates have a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a better understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit. Candidates leave the weekend knowing that they have been called to spread the Word of God.

Our own Father Ed Brienz is the Diocesan Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement and he adds that although this March’s Lenten retreat is for the Women, a parallel retreat will be offered in October for the men.

Stewardship Reflections

The 1st Sunday of Lent

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.”-Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits”- the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



Sunday Collections for: March 1/2

St. Columba Cathedral Parish \$ 16,460.15

Total Mass Attendance

St. Edward

Saturday, March 1 4:00 pm 135

Sunday, March 2 9:00 am 122

St. Columba

Saturday, March 1 4:00 pm 92

Sunday, March 2 10:30 am 157

Sunday, March 2 4:00 pm 157

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday, March 2 11:00 am 65

300 Club Winner Wk #17:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Richard Dlacich Number 157

Wins \$50

Sts. Peter & Paul will be having Stations of the Cross every Sunday during lent at 10:30 am before the 11:00 am Mass.

Remembrance Flames @ St. Columba Cathedral for the week.

Donation for Remembrance Flame is \$10

Sanctuary: John C. & Tommy Orlo

Blessed Mother:

St. Joseph:

Lady of Czestochowa: Friends of St. Stanislaus

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ St. Edward March 2025

Sanctuary: Dr. John Cernica

Host & Wine: Dr. John Cernica

Sanctuary Candle/ Host & Wine @ Sts. Peter & Paul for the week.

Steve Novak

Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated at 1:00 to 1:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and at 9:15 - 9:45 am on Saturday at St. Columba. St. Edward offers the sacrament before 8:00 am every Saturday morning. Communal celebrations are held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Baptism

Please make arrangements with the office for the necessary preparation at least four weeks in advance. All parents and when possible, godparents, participate in the baptismal preparation program prior to their child's baptism. Call the parish office for registration and further information.

Confirmation

The Sacrament will be celebrated with the eighth grade students in the spring. Our young people must participate in the preparation program according to the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A person who desires to become a Catholic is encouraged to be a part of a religious process which may begin each autumn and may culminate with the Sacraments of Initiation being celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with Monsignor Siffrin at least six months before the marriage is to be celebrated. All engaged couples participate in a preparation program for their marriage following the diocesan and our parish's guidelines.

Holy Orders Of Religious Life

Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Monsignor Siffrin.

Anointing of the Sick

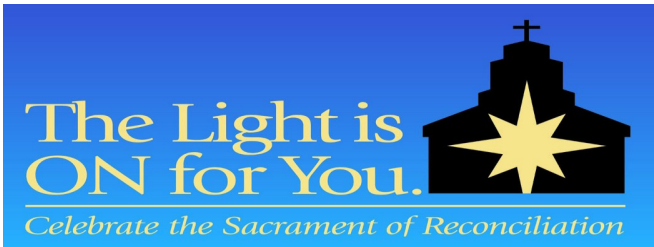
Communal celebrations are held in the spring and in the autumn. Individual celebrations may be celebrated upon request at any time.

Sick Calls

For visitation, please contact the office if a parishioner is in the hospital. The Eucharist is taken to those unable to attend Mass each week. Anyone desiring a visitation is asked to call the office at any time.

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St. Columba will be having Polish Prayers and Benediction On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm during The Lenten Season on March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd and 9th.

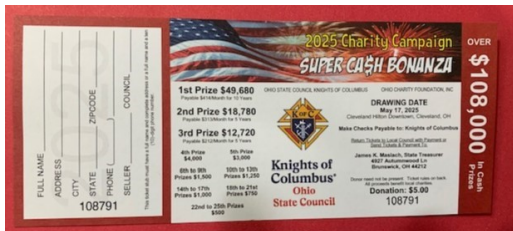


“The Light is ON for You” ~ An Evening of Reconciliation
Wednesday – March 19, 2025

“How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost,” Pope Francis tell us. Please join us on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Diocese. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent —the light will be ON for them. St. Columba Cathedral 6:30pm-8:30pm.



Council 15959



The St. Edward Knights of Columbus will be selling their **Super Cash Bonanza** tickets at **St. Edward Church** after the weekend Masses:

March: 8 & 9; 15 & 16 ; 22 & 23 ; 29 & 30

Please consider supporting the Knights by purchasing a ticket. Proceeds go to the Diocese of Youngstown.

Ticket cost is \$5.00 for a chance of winning one of the 25 cash prizes. Thank you for your continued support of the Knights of Columbus!

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



Scan the QR code to donate to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal



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For questions or assistance, please call the Appeal Office at 330-744-8451 ext.324

Inter-Faith Seder Dinner & Ceremony
 Tuesday April 8th, 2025 Doors open 5:30 P.M.

(Please Join us for Mass at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM-this is part of the Parish Lenten Program)

Program Starts Promptly at 6:00 P.M.

Hosted By: St. Columba Cathedral Parish-In the Parish Hall

Master of Ceremonies:

Rabbi Joseph Schonberger & Rev. George Balasko, Co-Creator of the Youngstown Jewish/Christian Dialogue

Catered by: Kravitz Delicatessen

This is a full Seder Dinner, it will be narrated by Rabbi Schonberger, explaining the Jewish tradition and Rev. Balasko explaining what it means to the Christian Tradition.

Meal includes all items for Passover Seder, and a buffet of Stuffed Chicken, Potato Kugel, Tzimmas, Steamed Asparagus, Chocolate Brownies. Beverages included are coffee, iced tea, water and grape juice for the 4 cups of wine for the dinner. (BYOB wine) Cost per plate is \$25.00. Tickets available during normal weekday hours at St. Columba Cathedral Parish Office. Please call 330 744 5233 for questions.

Looking for Sponsors to help defer the cost.

Speaker Sponsor	\$500.00
Dinner Sponsor	\$500.00
Desert Sponsor	\$300.00
Seder Sponsor	\$100.00
Patron Sponsor	\$25.00

Approved for one hour, general, for Office of Religious Education Certification.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
 SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY
 FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND
 VULNERABLE ADULTS**

EDUCATION & SCREENING

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/.

REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Contact Information

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org

By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn:

Dominic Colucy

144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/.

Saint of The Week

March 9

Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates who, to this day, “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society’s most vulnerable. Frances’ charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace becoming a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband’s death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation’s premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these “Oblates of Saint Frances” in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange’s spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com.

